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Byron Brown, EPA's deputy chief of staff for policy, will depart the agency Friday.

Brown was among the EPA staffers who had formerly worked for Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), a list that also includes acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler and chief of staff Ryan Jackson. Brown previously was senior counsel on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

At EPA, Brown worked on the rollback of Obama-era coal ash regulations and on efforts to streamline permitting.

"Byron has been with EPA since day one of the Trump Administration and has been an invaluable member of our staff. We wish him the best on his future endeavors and thank him for his dedication and hard work implementing President Trump's agenda." Wheeler said in a statement.

It was Brown's third stint at the agency, according to his LinkedIn profile. His wife works as a lobbyist for oil and gas company Hess Corporation.

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